(c) the steps Government propose to take in order to overcome this barrier?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Due to security considerations, Cellular Mobile Service Licence Agreement, *inter alia,* provides that the licensee shall create a buffer zone of 10 Kms. Width along the Indian-International border, if any, where no services would be permitted. This stipulation has been incorporated with a view to restricting the spill over of cellular mobile signals beyond the international border, so that they cannot be misused for trans-border operations by terrorists, smugglers and other anti-national elements. However, these services have been permitted at a few places on an experimental basis to see whether the requisite technique to stop the signals from crossing over the international border is effective and stable on the ground.

Withdrawal of troops from Siachen

†3399. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to withdraw troops from Siachen;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the decision of withdrawing Army from Siachen are being taken under the foreign pressure; and

(d) precautionary steps being taken to face the situation arising out of the same?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (d) A ceasefire has been in force on Actual Ground Position Line (AGPL) in Siachen area since the midnight of 25th November, 2003. There is no decision at present to pull out troops from Siachen Glacier.

Investigations into communal riots at Mau (U.P.)

3400. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that investigations into the incident of communal riots in Mau in Uttar Pradesh last year has been carried out by the authorities;

(b) if so, the nature of the investigation and findings thereof;

(c) the details of accused against whom cases have been filed, if any; and

(d) the steps taken, if any, for prevention of communal riots in Uttar Pradesh in the light of the findings of the incidents at Mau last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are the State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution. As such, action with regard to registration, investigations, prosecution of cases and action against the guilty are the primary concern of the State Governments. The data relating to the findings, arrests and prosecution of the guilty are, therefore, not Centrally maintained. Keeping in view this Constitutional position, in order to check communal violence in the country the Union Government assists the State Governments and the Union Territories Administrations in a variety of ways like sharing of information, sending alert messages, sending Central Forces to the concerned State Government on specific request including the composite Rapid Action Force which has been specially created to deal with communal situations and in the modernization of the State Police Forces. The activities of all the individuals and the organizations having a bearing on communal harmony in the country are under constant watch of the law enforcement agencies and requisite legal action is taken, whenever necessary. The Union Government has also issued comprehensive Guidelines to promote Communal Harmoney to all the States and Union Territories. The promotional efforts include observance of the annual programmes like 'Quami Ekta Week', conferment of 'Kabir Puraskar' and 'Communal Harmony' awards as well as providing grants to organizations engaged in the promotion of peace and communal harmony at ground level.

The Union Government has also introduced the Communal Violence (Prevention, Control and a Rehabilitation of Victims) Bill, 2005 in the Rajya Sabha on 5.12.2005 which is currently before the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affiars.